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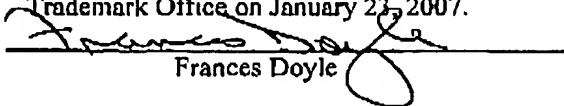
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In response to the Office action mailed October 31, 2006, Applicant hereby requests that
the above-referenced application be reconsidered based on the following:

- I. Amendments to the claims appear on page 2 of this paper; and
- II. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.